

2014, shall be eligible for the funds reserved under subsection (d)(1) on the same basis as the applications submitted under this section until September 30, 2016.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 379H, as added Pub. L. 113–79, title VI, § 6025, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 848.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER V—RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

§ 2009. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) State

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) State director

The term “State director” means, with respect to a State, the Director of the Rural Economic and Community Development State Office.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381A, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139; amended Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, § 6020(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–171 redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ mean, subject to section 1926(a)(7) of this title, a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.”

DEFINITION OF RURAL AREAS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 106–78, title VII, § 730, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1164, provided that: “Notwithstanding section 381A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009), in fiscal year 2000 and thereafter, the definitions of rural areas for certain business programs administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service and the community facilities programs administered by the Rural Housing Service shall be those provided for in statute and regulations prior to the enactment of Public Law 104–127 [Apr. 4, 1996].”

Similar provisions were contained in Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, § 101(a) [title VII, § 735], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681–29, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, § 6020(b)(3), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 2009a. Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a rural community advancement program to provide grants,

loans, loan guarantees, and other assistance to meet the rural development needs of local communities in States and federally recognized Indian tribes.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381B, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139.)

§ 2009b. National objectives

The national objectives of the program established under this subchapter shall be to—

(1) promote strategic development activities and collaborative efforts by State and local communities, and federally recognized Indian tribes, to maximize the impact of Federal assistance;

(2) optimize the use of resources;

(3) provide assistance in a manner that reflects the complexity of rural needs, including the needs for business development, health care, education, infrastructure, cultural resources, the environment, and housing;

(4) advance activities that empower, and build the capacity of, State and local communities to design unique responses to the special needs of the State and local communities, and federally recognized Indian tribes, for rural development assistance; and

(5) adopt flexible and innovative approaches to solving rural development problems.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381C, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139.)

§ 2009c. Strategic plans

(a) In general

The Secretary shall direct each of the Directors of Rural Economic and Community Development State Offices to prepare a strategic plan—

(1) for each State for the delivery of assistance under this subchapter in the State; and

(2) for each federally recognized Indian tribe for the delivery of assistance under this subchapter to the Indian tribe.

(b) Assistance

(1) In general

Financial assistance for rural development provided under this subchapter for a State or a federally recognized Indian tribe shall be used only for orderly community development that is consistent with the strategic plan of the State or Indian tribe.

(2) Rural area

Assistance under this subchapter may only be provided in a rural area.

(3) Small communities

In carrying out this subchapter in a State, the Secretary shall give priority to communities with the smallest populations and lowest per capita income.

(c) Review

The Secretary shall review the strategic plan of each State and federally recognized Indian tribe not later than 60 days after receiving the plan, and at least once every 5 years thereafter.

(d) Contents

A strategic plan of a State or federally recognized Indian tribe under this section shall be a plan that—

- (1) coordinates economic, human, and community development plans and related activities proposed for an affected area;
- (2) provides that the State or federally recognized Indian tribe, as appropriate, and an affected community (including local institutions and organizations that have contributed to the planning process) shall act as full partners in the process of developing and implementing the plan;
- (3) identifies goals, methods, and benchmarks for measuring the success of carrying out the plan and how the plan relates to local or regional ecosystems;
- (4) in the case of a State, provides for the involvement, in the preparation of the plan, of State, local, private, and public persons, State rural development councils, federally recognized Indian tribes in the State, and community-based organizations;
- (5) identifies the amount and source of Federal and non-Federal resources that are available for carrying out the plan; and
- (6) includes such other information as may be required by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381D, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1140.)

§ 2009d. Rural Development Trust Fund**(a) Establishment**

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund which shall be known as the Rural Development Trust Fund (in this subchapter referred to as the “Trust Fund”).

(b) Accounts

There are established in the Trust Fund the following accounts:

- (1) The rural community facilities account.
- (2) The rural utilities account.
- (3) The rural business and cooperative development account.
- (4) The federally recognized Indian tribe account.

(c) Deposits into accounts

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each fiscal year—

- (1) all amounts made available to carry out the authorities described in subsection (d)(1) for the fiscal year shall be deposited into the rural community facilities account of the Trust Fund;
- (2) all amounts made available to carry out the authorities described in subsection (d)(2) for the fiscal year shall be deposited into the rural utilities account of the Trust Fund; and
- (3) all amounts made available to carry out the authorities described in subsection (d)(3) for the fiscal year shall be deposited into the rural business and cooperative development account of the Trust Fund.

(d) Function categories

The function categories described in this subsection are the following:

(1) Rural community facilities

The rural community development category consists of all amounts made available for—

- (A) community facility direct and guaranteed loans under section 1926(a)(1) of this title; or
- (B) community facility grants under paragraph (19), (20), or (21) of section 1926(a) of this title.

(2) Rural utilities

The rural utilities category consists of all amounts made available for—

- (A) water or waste disposal grants or direct or guaranteed loans under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 1926(a) of this title;
- (B) rural water or wastewater technical assistance and training grants under section 1926(a)(14) of this title;
- (C) emergency community water assistance grants under section 1926a of this title; or
- (D) solid waste management grants under section 1932(b) of this title.

(3) Rural business and cooperative development

The rural business and cooperative development category consists of all amounts made available for—

- (A) rural business opportunity grants under section 1926(a)(11)(A)¹ of this title;
- (B) business and industry direct and guaranteed loans under section 1932(a)(2)(A) of this title; or
- (C) rural business enterprise grants or rural educational network grants under section 1932(c) of this title.

(e) Federally recognized Indian tribe account**(1) Transfers into account**

Each fiscal year, the Secretary shall transfer to the federally recognized Indian tribe account of the Trust Fund 3 percent of the amount deposited into the Trust Fund for the fiscal year under subsection (d).

(2) Use of funds

The Secretary shall make available to federally recognized Indian tribes the amounts in the federally recognized Indian tribe account for use pursuant to any authority described in subsection (d).

(f) Allocation among States

The Secretary shall allocate the amounts in each account specified in subsection (c) among the States in a fair, reasonable, and appropriate manner that takes into consideration rural population, levels of income, unemployment, and other relevant factors, as determined by the Secretary.

(g) Availability of funds allocated for States

The Secretary shall make available to each State the total amount allocated for the State under subsection (f) that remains after applying section 2009f of this title.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381E, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1140;

¹ See References in Text note below.

amended Pub. L. 105–86, title III, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2094; Pub. L. 106–472, title III, §§ 304(b), 305(b), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2071; Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, § 6026(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 372; Pub. L. 110–234, title VI, § 6012(b)(4), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1165; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6012(b)(4), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1927.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1926(a)(11) of this title, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(A), was repealed by Pub. L. 113–79, title VI, § 6012(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 845.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110–234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (d)(3)(B). Pub. L. 110–246, § 6012(b)(4), substituted “1932(a)(2)(A)” for “1932(a)(1)”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(4), (5). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(a)(1), redesignated par. (5) as (4) and struck out former par. (4) which read as follows: “The national reserve account.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(a)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e) which related to national reserve account.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(a)(3), redesignated subsec. (g) as (f). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (e).

Subsecs. (g), (h). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(a)(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (h) as (g) and substituted “subsection (f)” for “subsection (g) of this section”. Former subsec. (g) redesignated (f).

2000—Subsec. (d)(1)(B). Pub. L. 106–472, § 305(b), substituted “paragraph (19), (20), or (21)” for “paragraph (19) or (20)”.

Pub. L. 106–472, § 304(b), substituted “paragraph (19) or (20) of section 1926(a)” for “section 1926(a)(19)”.

1997—Subsec. (d)(3)(B). Pub. L. 105–86 inserted “direct and” after “business and industry”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110–234 by Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

Pub. L. 112–55, div. A, title VII, § 747, Nov. 18, 2011, 125 Stat. 590, provided that: “For 2012 and subsequent fiscal years—

“(1) Any balances to carry out a housing demonstration program to provide revolving loans for the preservation of low-income multi-family housing projects as authorized in Public Law 108–447 and Public Law 109–97 and a demonstration program for the preservation and revitalization of the section 515 multi-family rental housing properties as authorized by Public Law 109–97 and Public Law 110–5 shall be transferred to and merged with the ‘Rural Housing Service, Multi-family Housing Revitalization Program Account’;

“(2) Any prior balances in the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account for programs authorized by section 306 [7 U.S.C. 1926] and described in section 381E(d)(1) [7 U.S.C. 2009d(d)(1)] of such Act [probably means title III of Pub. L. 87–128, known as the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, which is classified principally to this chapter] be transferred and merged with the ‘Rural Community Facilities Program Account’ and any other prior balances from the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account that the Secretary determines are appropriate to transfer;

“(3) Any prior balances in the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account for

programs authorized by sections 306 and 310B [7 U.S.C. 1926, 1932] and described in sections 310B(f) and 381E(d)(3) of such Act be transferred and merged with the ‘Rural Business Program Account’ and any other prior balances from the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account that the Secretary determines are appropriate to transfer; and

“(4) Any prior balances in the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account programs authorized by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B [7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c, 1926d, 1926e, 1932] and described in sections 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of such Act be transferred to and merged with the ‘Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account’ and any other prior balances from the Rural Development, Rural Community Advancement Program account that the Secretary determines are appropriate to transfer.”

§ 2009e. Transfers of funds

(a) General authority

Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the State Director¹ of any State may, during any fiscal year, transfer from each account specified in section 2009d(c) of this title a total of not more than 25 percent of the amount in the account that is allocated for the State for the fiscal year to any other account in which amounts are allocated for the State for the fiscal year.

(b) Limitation

Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a transfer otherwise authorized by subsection (a) of this section to be made during a fiscal year may not be made to the extent that the sum of the amount to be transferred and all amounts so transferred by State directors under subsection (a) of this section during the fiscal year exceeds 10 percent of the total amount made available to carry out the authorities described in section 2009d(d) of this title for the fiscal year.

(c) Exceptions

Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to a transfer of funds by a State director if the State director certifies to the Secretary that—

(1) there is an approved application for a project in the function category to which the funds are to be transferred but funds are not available for the project in the function category; and

(2)(A) there is no such approved application in the function category from which the funds are to be transferred; or

(B) the community that would benefit from the project has a smaller population and a lesser per capita income than any community that would benefit from a project in the function category from which the funds are to be transferred.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381F, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1142.)

§ 2009f. Grants to States

(a) Simple grants

(1) Mandatory grant

The Secretary shall make a grant to any eligible State for any fiscal year for which the

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

State requests a grant under this section in an amount equal to 5 percent of the total amount allocated for the State under section 2009d(f) of this title.

(2) Permissive grant

Before July 15 of each fiscal year, the Secretary may make a grant to any State to defray the cost of any subsidy associated with a guarantee provided by an eligible public entity of the State under section 2009g of this title in an amount that does not exceed 5 percent of the total amount allocated for the State under section 2009d(f) of this title.

(3) Source of funds

The Secretary shall make grants to a State under paragraphs (1) and (2) from amounts allocated for the State in the accounts specified in section 2009d(c) of this title, by reducing each such allocated amount by the same percentage.

(b) Matching grants

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall make a grant to any eligible State for any fiscal year for which the State requests a grant under this section in an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount allocated for the State for the fiscal year under section 2009d(g) of this title.

(2) Eligibility

A State shall be eligible for a grant under paragraph (1) if the State makes commitments to the Secretary to—

(A) expend from non-Federal sources in accordance with subsection (c) an amount that is not less than 200 percent of the amount of the grant; and

(B) maintain the amounts paid to the State under this subsection and the amount referred to in subparagraph (A) in an account separate from all other State funds until expended in accordance with subsection (c).

(3) Source of funds

If the Secretary makes a grant under paragraph (1) before July 15 of the fiscal year, the grant shall be made from amounts allocated for the State in the accounts specified in section 2009d(c) of this title for the fiscal year, by reducing each allocated amount by the same percentage.

(c) Use of funds

A State to which funds are provided under this section shall use the funds in rural areas for any activity authorized under the authorities described in section 2009d(d) of this title in accordance with the State strategic plan referred to in section 2009c of this title.

(d) Maintenance of effort

The State shall provide assurances to the Secretary that funds provided to the State under this section will be used only to supplement, not to supplant, the amount of Federal, State, and local funds otherwise expended for rural development assistance in the State.

(e) Appeals

The Secretary shall provide to a State an opportunity to appeal any action taken with respect to the State under this section.

(f) Administrative costs

Federal funds shall not be used for any administrative costs incurred by a State in carrying out this subchapter.

(g) Expenditure of funds by State

(1) In general

Payments to a State from a grant under this section for a fiscal year shall be obligated by the State in the fiscal year or in the succeeding fiscal year. A State shall obligate funds under this section to provide assistance to rural areas.

(2) Failure to obligate

If a State fails to obligate payments in accordance with paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make an equal reduction in the amount of payments provided to the State under this section for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

(3) Noncompliance

(A) Review

The Secretary shall review and monitor State compliance with this section.

(B) Penalty

If the Secretary finds that there has been misuse of grant funds provided under this section, or noncompliance with any of the terms and conditions of a grant, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing—

(i) the Secretary shall notify the State of the finding; and

(ii) no further payments to the State shall be made with respect to the programs funded under this section until the Secretary is satisfied that there is no longer any failure to comply or that the noncompliance will be promptly corrected.

(C) Other sanctions

In the case of a finding of noncompliance made pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may, in addition to, or in lieu of, imposing the sanctions described in subparagraph (B), impose other appropriate sanctions, including recoupment of money improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this section and disqualification from the receipt of financial assistance under this section.

(h) No entitlement to contract, grant, or assistance

Nothing in this subchapter—

(1) entitles any person to assistance or a contract or grant; or

(2) limits the right of a State to impose additional limitations or conditions on assistance or a contract or grant under this section.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381G, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1143; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6026(c), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 372.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(c)(1), substituted “section 2009d(f) of this title” for “section 2009d(g) of this title”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 107–171, § 6026(c)(2), substituted “section 2009d(g) of this title” for “section 2009d(h) of this title”.

§ 2009g. Guarantee and commitment to guarantee loans

(a) “Eligible public entity” defined

In this section, the term “eligible public entity” means any unit of general local government.

(b) Guarantee and commitment

The Secretary, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, may guarantee and make commitments to guarantee notes or other obligations issued by eligible public entities, or by public agencies designated by the eligible public entities, for the purposes of financing rural development activities authorized and funded under section 2009f of this title.

(c) Limitation

The Secretary may not make a guarantee or commitment to guarantee with respect to a note or other obligation if the total amount of outstanding notes or obligations guaranteed under this section (excluding any amount repaid under the contract entered into under subsection (e)(1)(A)) for issuers in the State would exceed an amount equal to 5 times the sum of the total amount of grants made to the State under section 2009f of this title.

(d) Payment of principal, interest, and costs

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a State to which a grant is made under section 2009f of this title may use the grant (including program income derived from the grant) to pay principal and interest due (including such servicing, underwriting, or other costs as may be specified in regulations of the Secretary) on any note or other obligation guaranteed under this section.

(e) Repayment contract; security

(1) In general

To ensure the repayment of notes or other obligations and charges incurred under this section and as a condition for receiving the guarantees, the Secretary shall require the issuer to—

(A) enter into a contract, in a form acceptable to the Secretary, for repayment of notes or other obligations guaranteed under this section;

(B) pledge any grant for which the issuer may become eligible under this subchapter; and

(C) furnish, at the discretion of the Secretary, such other security as may be considered appropriate by the Secretary in making the guarantees.

(2) Security

To assist in ensuring the repayment of notes or other obligations and charges incurred under this section, a State shall pledge any grant for which the State may become eligible

under this subchapter as security for notes or other obligations and charges issued under this section by any eligible public entity in the State.

(f) Pledged grants for repayments

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the Secretary may apply grants pledged pursuant to paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) of subsection (e) to any repayments due the United States as a result of the guarantees.

(g) Outstanding obligations

The total amount of outstanding obligations guaranteed on a cumulative basis by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b) shall not at any time exceed such amount as may be authorized to be appropriated for such purpose for any fiscal year.

(h) Purchase of guaranteed obligations by Federal Financing Bank

Notes or other obligations guaranteed under this section may not be purchased by the Federal Financing Bank.

(i) Full faith and credit

The full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all guarantees made under this section. Any such guarantee made by the Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of the eligibility of the obligations for the guarantee with respect to principal and interest. The validity of the guarantee shall be incontestable in the hands of a holder of the guaranteed obligations.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381H, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1145.)

§ 2009h. Local involvement

An application for assistance under this subchapter shall include evidence of significant community support for the project for which the assistance is requested. In the case of assistance for a community facilities or infrastructure project, the evidence shall be in the form of a certification of support for the project from each affected general purpose local government.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381I, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

§ 2009i. Interstate collaboration

The Secretary shall permit the establishment of voluntary pooling arrangements among States, and regional fund-sharing agreements, to carry out projects receiving assistance under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 381J, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

§ 2009j. Annual report

(a) In general

The Secretary, in collaboration with State, local, public, and private entities, State rural development councils, and community-based organizations, shall prepare an annual report that contains evaluations, assessments, and perform-

ance outcomes concerning the rural community advancement programs carried out under this subchapter.

(b) Submission

Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall—

(1) submit the report required by subsection (a) to Congress and the chief executives of the States participating in the program established under this subchapter; and

(2) make the report available to State and local participants.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381K, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

§ 2009k. Rural development interagency working group

(a) In general

The Secretary shall provide leadership within the Executive branch for, and assume responsibility for, establishing an interagency working group chaired by the Secretary.

(b) Duties

The working group shall establish policy for, coordinate, make recommendations with respect to, and evaluate the performance of, all Federal rural development efforts.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381L, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

§ 2009l. Duties of Rural Economic and Community Development State Offices

In carrying out this subchapter, the Director of a Rural Economic and Community Development State Office shall—

(1) to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the State strategic plan referred to in section 2009c of this title is implemented;

(2) coordinate community development objectives within the State;

(3) establish links between local, State, and field office program administrators of the Department of Agriculture;

(4) ensure that recipient communities comply with applicable Federal and State laws and requirements; and

(5) integrate State development programs with assistance under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381M, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

§ 2009m. Electronic transfer

The Secretary shall transfer funds in accordance with this subchapter through electronic transfer as soon as practicable after April 4, 1996.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381N, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1147.)

§ 2009n. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6026(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 372

Section, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381O, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1147, related to rural venture capital demonstration program.

SUBCHAPTER VI—DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

§ 2009aa. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Authority

The term “Authority” means the Delta Regional Authority established by section 2009aa-1 of this title.

(2) Region

The term “region” means the Lower Mississippi (as defined in section 4 of the Delta Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 100-460)).

(3) Federal grant program

The term “Federal grant program” means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in—

(A) acquiring or developing land;

(B) constructing or equipping a highway, road, bridge, or facility; or

(C) carrying out other economic development activities.

(4) Alabama as participating State

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State of Alabama shall be a full member of the Delta Regional Authority and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges that said membership affords to all other participating States in the Delta Regional Authority.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382A, as added and amended Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §153(b), title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-252, 2763A-269.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Delta Development Act, referred to in par. (2), is S. 2836 of the 100th Congress, as introduced on Sept. 27, 1988, and incorporated by reference by, and made a part of, Pub. L. 100-460, title II, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2246, as amended. Section 4 of the Delta Development Act, which was set out in a note under section 3121 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, was omitted from the Code. See Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission note under section 3121 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Par. (4). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §153(b)], added par. (4).

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §502], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-268, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) the lower Mississippi River region (referred to in this title [enacting this subchapter and amending provisions classified as a note under section 3121 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] as the ‘region’), though rich in natural and human resources, lags behind the rest of the United States in economic growth and prosperity;

“(2) the region suffers from a greater proportion of measurable poverty and unemployment than any other region of the United States;

“(3) the greatest hope for economic growth and revitalization in the region lies in the development of transportation infrastructure, creation of jobs, expansion of businesses, and development of entrepreneurial local economies;

“(4) the economic progress of the region requires an adequate transportation and physical infrastructure,